

# Boil Water Advisory

The following boil water advisory is effective immediately and **MUST** be followed until further notice:

Bring your tap water to a rolling boil for one minute and allow to cool before using it for cold drinks, making ice cubes, washing vegetables and fruits, or brushing teeth.

Throw away uncooked food or beverages, like powdered drinks, juices made from concentrates, and ice cubes, if made with tap water during the day the advisory started.

Keep boiled water in the refrigerator for drinking.

Rinse hand-washed dishes for a minute in dilute bleach (one tablespoon of household bleach per gallon of tap water) or clean your dishes in a dishwasher using the hot wash cycle and the dry cycle.

Do not swallow water while you are showering, bathing, or swimming in a pool.

It is OK to wash clothes.

Provide pets with boiled water after it cools.

## ***WHEN WILL THE BOIL WATER ADVISORY END?***

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, your local health department, and public water supplier will end the advisory when it is determined that the water is safe to drink. An announcement will be broadcast by radio, TV, and newspapers. You can call your local health department for an update.

## ***SHOULD YOU USE BOTTLED WATER OR A HOME WATER FILTER?***

Boiling will provide you with safe water during the advisory, but you can also use bottled water. Most home water filters do not provide adequate protection during an advisory. Activated carbon filters do not remove microorganisms.

## ***WHAT SHOULD YOU DO WHEN THE BOIL WATER ADVISORY IS OVER?***

- ☐ Run your water faucets for 3 minutes.
- ☐ Empty and clean your automatic ice makers and water chillers.
- ☐ Drain and refill your hot water heater if set at a low temperature (below 113° F).
- ☐ Run your water softener through a regeneration cycle.
- ☐ Reservoirs in tall buildings should be drained. Building engineers should consult with the local health department.

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***Contact your doctor or local health department if you or your family have:***

- ☐ *diarrhea*    ☐ *vomiting*    ☐ *fever*    ☐ *stomach cramps*    ☐ *nausea*
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### **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

**Local health department:**

**Public water supplier:**

Department of Environmental Protection  
Bureau of Safe Drinking Water



Division of Epidemiology, Environmental and  
Occupational Health